Hydaburg Trading Company

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Hydaburg, Alaska, Apr 30 1916

Mr H. C. Olin,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr Olin: I have just received a letter from Dr Condit of Juneau asking me to write you concerning the conditions in Hydaburg.

Mrs Howe and I have been here three weeks. The information received from Mr Hoffman of the Bureau of Education, and from Mr and Mrs Hawkesworth of the Government school there together with what we have learned first hand, gives us a fairly good understanding of conditions.

The town is four years old. There are about 350 people here. The most of them came from Klinquan & Howkan. Others are coming from various places. I have been told that a movement is on foot to bring the Massett people here. They are Hydaburg in some way very closely related. There are about 300 of them. Those who are here are here to make their homes permanently. The Government school virtually guarantees the permanency of the village. Practically all the natives came on account of the school advantages

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They are easily far enough along in the art of civilization to appreciate these advantages. There is an exceptionally good "community sense." The people seem to be alive on public improvement. Mr and Mrs Hawkesworth have done a remarkable work among the people, to say nothing of the training the Hyda people received under the missionaries before they came here. Many of them have very good homes.

They also have a deep interest in Christian work. Many times have I heard them express: "We have been wanting a while minister for so long!" They seemed to be overjoyed when we came. I never have been in a more spiritual prayermeeting than we have had here. A company of the Massett people were here about six weeks ago and held a two weeks meeting. Practically every one in the village showed a desire to lead a Christian life. The outlook is most promising.

This leads to the second part of Mr Condit's letter, namely the matter of a house. He asked me to write you, telling for him your ideas as to the house needed, including plan, probable cost of materials etc."

Am sending separate sheet to-day enclosing

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lculative plans, specifications and cost of
materials, conservatively estimated.
In making these plans I have kept before
me four things:- First, the present condition
of the Board's Treasury. I shall be among
the last ones to ask for an appropriation that
cannot be justified in every way. This is a
time for self-sacrifice. Second: That the proposed
house may be our home indefinitely. Mrs Howe
and I came here with the hope that this would
be our only move. Since we know the situation
better we are more anxious still that it may
be God's will that we remain here. Conditions
are about as near ideal here, for doing the kind
of Christian work we have had our heart to do
for years, that we could well hope to find.
Third: If it proves to be our home, and the Board
will sell, we desire later to own the property.
Fourth: However the missionary is he will need
a house suitable to the community social
needs. With these things should be mentioned
the fact that a missionary's wife should have
as many advantages as possible if she is to be
of the most service outside the home. Also the
missionary's house should be an object lesson
to the natives. These people copy after the whites.
The proposition I have to make to the Board

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is this: In view of the fact that during the fishing season there will be no body left here the Board furnish the materials for such a house as suggested and I shall build it myself with what help I would be compelled to have, which would be very little. I have had much experience in this line I work so it would be no experiment. If I have to be here during the absence of the people, many of them have already left, I shall be exceedingly anxious to be living at a house during the summer, if for no other reason than, to let these natives see what they can have with the materials they have right at hand. To teach them the use of things God has placed at their doors, to help them to the better enjoyment of material things is a part of the mission's duty so it rightfully interests.

Mr Hawkesworth tells me that labor & fence is very high. By this arrangement, the Board would get a good property at a very reasonable figure, besides furnishing the missionary with employment during the season when he could not hope to see his people more than once the Sabbath. Even this will not be possible unless I have a boat at my disposal. There is no boat in sight.

Mr Hawkesworth also tells me that one of the

heavy items I expect is clearing the ground. This is self evident. If I had authority to proceed I could do most of this. Inside two weeks practically every body will be gone. With old material on hands I could proceed at once with building without in any way neglecting my work for Sabbath.

In the estimation, no mention is made of material for finishing the interior walls. This has been inadvertently omitted. If I build the house myself, and can get that in time I can finish the walls very satisfactorily, and permanently with material available there at a very small cost.

Hoping to hear from you at an early date I am,

Sincerely yours

J. L. Howe.

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May 29.1915

Mr. H. C. Olin,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Mr. Olin:

Following your suggestion at Rochester I desire to place before the Board the matter of providing for two manses in Alaska under the following representations:

(1) These buildings were not included in the Budget submitted by the Presbytery of Alaska. Evidently they should have been so included. The reason for not so doing was the impression of the Home Mission Committee that as special items, and as coming under the joint action of the Home Mission Board and the Board of Church Erection, these requisitions should be made separate from the regular Budget.

(2) It is essential that action be taken at once upon one of these matters, inasmuch as by commission of the Board, Rev. J. L. Howe is already on the field, at Hydaburg, and is living in a rented house which may be had but temporarily.

No house is available here because Hydaburg is a new Native village, founded by the Bureau of Education for the exclusive use of natives. All building have been constructed recently. The policy of the Board separated this station from Klawock, and erecetd it into a distinct Hyda mission. It is the center for all Hydas. The government has erected here one of the best school houses for natives in Alaska. It is the purpose to make it a self supporting native community. As is well known, the Hydas are among the most forward of all our native s in Alaska. There is no more promising native work.

The missionary on the field, Rev. J.L.Howe, offers to build his own house if the money for materials is provided. His estimate for materials alone is in the neighborhood of $600. I do not think that it would be wise to appropriate less than $1,000 for each of these houses. I am sure that it will require that amount to build suitable houses which will be usable and durable. Mr Howe's estimate is for material alone but in addition to his own labor he will be compelled to hire additional help, and items overlooked and extras will require the minimum of $1,000. In my judgement it would be poor economy to supply less.

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(3) It will probably not be possible to obtain a title to the ground in Hydaburg for the reason that the section is a government reserve. It has been set aside for native use and occupancy. I mean by "title" a deed in fee simple.

But, the Bureau of Education, in whose jurisdiction this matter is, will set aside a certain lot, or lots, for church occupancy, and will give a legal recognition of occupant rights which to all intents and purposes will be the equivalent of a deed.

I would suggest that action be taken on the matter of the grant, at the coming meeting of the Board, so as to settle the question of the intention of the Board as to building this house, and when I reach Seattle I will take the matter up with the Superintendent of Alaskan native education and will be able to inform you more intelligently just what sort of title recognition may be obtained in the premises.

It is important that action be taken at once, inasmuch as building operations should be under way during the summer and while the absence of the natives from the community releases the missionary for building operations. I may add that Mr Howe is a recent arrival in Alaska and is waiting with much anxiety the settlement of the house question. If a house is not provided it will not be possible forhim to remain at Hydaburg this winter and thus the purpose of the Board in commissioning him to this work will be thwarted.

The second manse is required at Thane, near Juneau.

(1) The salary of a missionary for this point is included in the regular Budget. This work among the white miners adjacent to Juneau is the most important new undertaking of the year. We have a most excellent man ready to come here as soon as notified of his acceptance by the Board, and we wish to have him on the field as soon as possible. He will minister to more than a thousand miners from the beginning of his service.

(2) He also is a practical carpenter and offers to erect his own house if the Board will provide the material. No estimate has been made as to cost of material at this point but it will require at least $1,000.

(3) Thane is 6 miles from Junea u. We have included an item of rent in the Budget with the thought that until a suitable house can be built the missionary shall live in Juneau. But he

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can not properly carry on his work permanently at this distance and should by all means live at the headquarters of the mining operations.

(4) The ground upon which the town of Thane is built is owned by the Alaska Gastineaux Mining Co. They will give deeds to no one. But the superintendent, Mr Thane, assured me that a lease would be executed at nominal rent of $1 per year on any reasonable basis and with privilege of indefinite extension. This is the only arrangement which can be made.

The rent will soon eat up the cost of a house, especially if the Boards are called upon for only $1,000. We do not wish to put up an expensive manse but the man in view has a family of four children and must have room to house tham.

These two building are essential for the carrying out of the work already planned for the coming year in Alaska. I trust that grants may be made in accordance with the representations.

Will you kindly notify me at Seattle,5612 10th N.E., what action is taken by the Board.

Very Cordially,

James A. Condit

In re Hydahburg, Alaska.

June 4th, 1915.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.,
5612 - 10th avenue N.E.,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Dr. Condit:-

Referring to our conversation at Rochester with regard to the houses for missionaries at Hydah burg and Thane, and to your letter dated the 29th, written at my suggestion, I beg to say this matter was very thoroughly considered, first by the office, and on the 2nd instant by the Finance Committee. It was finally voted that this Board would make a grant of $500. for the construction of the house at Hydahburg, and would appeal to the Board of Church Erection for a like sum on the expectation, so far as our Board is concerned, that the same can probably be worked out of the current appropriation for Alaskan work, but that if it cannot be so provided for, the Board shall, a little later in the year, be asked for an additional appropriation.

I am therefore today writing to the Board of Church Erection asking for a grant of like sum, and I hope ere long to be able to notify you that both sums are available for the building at Hydahburg.

As to the manse at Thane: Dr. Dixon is of the opinion that houses are available for rental at that point, and that therefore it would not be wise to ask the Board for any further appropriation on that account.

Will you kindly communicate this information to Mr. Howe and say that just as soon as possible we can get him definite word, which of course we will send through yourself.

Let me say also that the Finance Committee voted to accept your suggestion and recommend to the Board that all property, real estate and mission boats be put under the supervision of the General Missionary for Alaska. We will so notify the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries of Alaska and Yukon.

I believe this covers all matters which we had under consideration at Rochester, and with regard to which you have written me.

Yours very truly,

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Treasurer.

In re Hydaburg, Alaska.

June 4th, 1915.

Rev. David G. Wylie, D.D.,

B u i l d i n g.

My dear Dr. Wylie:-

We are in receipt of communications from our General Missionary Rev. James H. Condit, D.D., and from Rev. J. L. Howe of Hydaburg, setting forth the usual needs of a residence for the missionary at that point. This missionary has recently been sent there and is temporarily occupying a native's house, which he must vacate shortly, and no other house whatever is available.

Hydaburg is a new native village founded by the Bureau of Education for the exclusive use of natives. It is the center of all Hydahs. The Government has located here one of the best school houses for natives in Alaska, and it is proposed to make it a self-supporting native community. The Hydahs are among the most forward of all our natives in Alaska - there is no more promising native work.

Our Finance Committee has authorized the granting of the sum of $500. toward a total sum of $1,000. for the construction of a house for the Rev. J. L. Howe, missionary at that point. Mr. Howe is a carpenter and will do a great part of the construction himself. Under these circumstances, I am directed to ask that your Board will make a grant of a like sum, namely, $500. toward the construction of this house. The ground upon which this house is to be constructed is a Government reserve, as is the case with so many Indian Reservations. We will not, therefore, be able to obtain a clear title thereto, but we shall simply, as in so many cases, have a possessory right.

Will you kindly take this up with your Board, and if possible secure a grant of $500. at as early a date as may be, as it is necessary for Mr. Howe to begin construction at once.

We shall be glad to sign the necessary papers upon receipt of the same from your office.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

O/S

June 8th, 1915.

Rev. David G. Wylie, D.D.,

Board of Church Erection.

Building.

My dear Dr. Wylie:-

Replying to your request, I am at once handing you herewith application for a grantof $500., toward the erection of a manse at Hydaburg, Alaska. Necessarily that application is very meagre as to particulars, as the building is not yet started nor planned. There is haste, however, for the erection of the building in order that our missionary may be housed. If, therefore, you will be kind enough to put this application, incomplete as it is, before your Board and secure a grant, we will give all particulars later on.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

P.S. - I am handing you herewith for your information, our copy of the agreementwith the Italian Evangelical Mission of New Rochelle. Kindly have same returned for our files at your early convenience.

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156 FIFTH AVENUE,
NEW YORK

Index Hydaburg, Alaska June 9th 1915

Mr. Harvey C. Olin,
Building.

My dear Mr. Olin:-

I am sorry that your application for an appropriation for a manse at Hydaburg, Alaska, did not come in yesterday in time to be placed on our Docket for the next meeting of the Board to be held June 21st. The rule of the Board is that all applications must be in by the 5th of the month, but I stretched a point this month and held the Docket open until the very last moment. However, it can be presented at the meeting in July and this will give you ample time to give us full information, in regard to the size and location of the lot, the value of the lot, size of the manse etc.

With all good wishes,

Very cordially yours,

W/H:

David G. Wylie

In re Hydahburg, Alaska.

June 11th, 1915.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Dr. Condit:-

With further reference to the proposed building of a manse at Hydahburg, I am in receipt of a letter from Secretary Wylie of the Board of Church Erection, saying that the earliest possible date for this matter to come before their Board would be at the July meeting. Meantime he desires to have in hand full information as to the size and location of the lot, its value and size, and some preliminary description of the proposed manse. Can you furnish this, do you suppose, in time for the meeting in July? Such meeting will be held on the 19th of July.

I shall be glad if you will put these facts in my hand in order that there may be no question as to the going through of the grant. Our own Board has already given authority for such a grant, as I wrote you.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

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In re Hydahburg, Alaska.

June 12th, 1915.

Rev. W. F. Lopp,
Superintendent of Education for Alaska,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Sir:-

As you no doubt are aware, this Board is about to locate a missionary at Hydahburg, Alaska, indeed, Rev. J. L. Howe, who is our missionary, has already located there, occupying temporarily the house of a native. As of course you know, there are no houses to rent in Hydahburg and Mr. Howe will have to give up temporary possession very shortly. We are therefore planning to build him a manse, this Board and the Board of Church Erection participating in the expense, and Mr. Howe himself doing most of the work, as he is a practical mechanic.

In order that our records may be straight, and that we may get in a proper application to the Board of Church Erection, we must have some assurance of at least possessory occupation of a specific lot with metes and bounds. May I therefore ask, on behalf of the Board of Home Missions, that you will, at your earliest convenience, set apart a lot of comfortable propostions in Hydahburg and at suitable place, upon which Mr. Howe will be able to locate his house. If possible, the ~~right~~ lot should be of such dimensions that Mr. Howe could have sufficient ground for out-buildings and perhaps a garden, with room in front and sides for some lawn and air space.

The next meeting of the Board of Church Erection will be held July 19th. If, therefore, it might be possible for you to get into my hands the location and description of such a lot, should you see fit to make a grant before that time, it will enable us to put the matter through without delay.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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ALASKA DIVISION

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON June 16, 1915.

Mr. H. C. Olin, Treasurer,
The Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Mr. Olin:-

I have referred your letter of June 12, regarding the setting apart of a plot of ground for mission purposes in the Hydaburg Reservation, to Superintendent Beattie, and Mr. C. W. Hawkesworth, our teacher at Hydaburg.

It is my recollection that when the townsite of Hydaburg was platted, suitable lots were designated for the church and missionary's residence. Therefore, I feel confident that Mr. Hawkesworth and your missionary, Mr.Howe, and the town authorities of Hydaburg will have no difficulty in setting apart sufficient ground for your use.

Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM T. DOPP.
Chief of Alaska Division.

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Hydaburg, Alaska. 6/24/15

Mr N. C. Olin.
New York City.

Dear Mr Olin: Mr Hawkesworth Principal of the Government School of this place has just informed me that an inquiry had come from the Home Board through Mr Lopp, of Seattle, concerning a building site for church and manse. The information was desired before the 12th of July, at which time the matter of building would be acted upon by the Board. This comes as a disadvantage to Mrs Howard and myself. We feel as though we had been watched here, to Hydaburg, and then unceremoniously dropped. We have been wondering if in the correspondence the Board had with the reference we gave, some impression might have been given, that we were qualified to do evangelistic work, but were short on executive ability. At the request of the Board, we had undertaken to get a

South Dakota, in order that I might be at the meeting of Presbytery at Hoonah. since there were to be some important matters to be decided concerning the work at Hydaburg. He disposed of our things at a sacrifice. He did not very best to get to Seattle in time to get a boat that would land us in Hoonah by April 6th. He failed. He could find no one in Seattle to instruct us as to what was the next best thing to do, except Mr Lobb. He was very kind to us. He came on to Hydaburg getting here six weeks before we had agreed to when we said we would come.

I had two letters from the Stated Clerk of Presbytery, and one from Dr Condit, but neither contained a syllable of the action of Presbytery concerning the work at Hydaburg.

Dr Condit had been here before I came. He told the people that when I came I would have authority to go right ahead with whatever was to be done. The people were expecting it. They thought it very strange that I have been here almost three months and still do not know definitely any of the plans of the

in charge of the work. One man said recently that he thought it poor business management to send a man to a place before it was known what would be done with him, and what he was to do there. These things make it difficult for the missionary. Of course such feelings exist among those who are not in sympathy with certain kinds of Christian work. But it is unpleasant none the less. The work is hard enough at the best.

Dr Condit asked me, to write you at once concerning conditions here, as I found them, giving tentative plans for suitable houses etc. I did this regarding that the "probable action" of the Board. Be known. Dr Condit wrote me when at Rochester that the "Board would meet next week" when the matter would be acted on. He said I would be informed at once. I am as wise as I was before I wrote.

I do not intend this to be a complaint. I know these matters require time and careful consideration by the Board. It is the suspense that wears. Our child has not been well since we came here. Whether before

We cannot help but feel that it is largely due to the conditions under which we are living. The house as such is not bad. It has been occupied by natives ever since it was built until we came. The odor was so strong that we could not stay in it at all at first. There was a family I suppose and small children. They had no closet on the premises. You can imagine how sanitary it would be. "out back."

Now we come to Alaska willing "tenderfeet" as good soldiers, knowing also something of the privations of a mission field life. We are not discouraged nor despondent over the outlook either. But some personal elements enter into the equation. I made my promise to Mrs Hawe that I would provide for her long before I put myself under any obligations to the people of Hydaburg. Of course I fully intend to keep that promise. Her first claim certainly is a sanitary house. If that cannot be provided here, some other arrangements will be made.

I sincerely hope you will not misunderstand the spirit in which this letter has been written. I have tried to say plainly what is on my mind

without forgetting that the Board has its
problems already, and also that questions
such as this cannot be rushed through.
Having lost one child only a few months
ago, and our other one ailing, at least in
part from conditions under which we
have been living, no one can criticize
us very sharply for being anxious to
know what is to be done.

Hoping to hear from you at an
early date

I am
Fraternally yours
J. L. Bowers

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA
JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

July 1,1915

Mr. H.C.Olin,
156 5th Avenue,
N.Y.

Dear Mr. Olin:

I am herewith enclosing a voucher for rent at Hydaburg ,account of Rev. J.L.Howe, two months at $8 per month or total of $16, with my "o.k." I have suggested to Mr. Howe that he indicate the months,hereafter, for which requisition is made. I do not know to which months this payment refers.

There are several matters which have come from your office and have not been acknowledged.

Letter of May 26th:

Referring to notice from Pacific Coast Co. that no exceptions to recent rule cutting off rates to missionaries would be made in my favor.

I have also called upon Mr. Bunch of the Alaska S.S.Co., at this place, and learn that the action is a joint one. There are but two steamers now giving a lower than regular fare to missionaries. The Alki makes a cut rate to all. The Humboldt gives a two-thirds rate to missionaries holding rail-road permit irrespective of the action of the other lines. These are independent boats. They run from Seattle to Skagway only and the Alki does not regularly run farther than Juneau.

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

This ruling, while working a hardship to all our missionaries, will be especially unpleasant in my case since it adds One-third to my travelling expense account. I will, as you suggest, use the boats giving rates whenever possible. But in my trips to the westward these are not available.

Two letters of June 4th:

I note that final action has been taken on the Haines matter and that the way is now open for action along the lines suggested in previous correspondence. I have read the copy of communication to Judge Gunnison, enclosed, and will confer with the Judge as to farther steps in adjustment of the Haines situation. It is my understanding that Judge Gunnison and I are joint agents for the Board in Alaska with power of attorney as stipulated in the agreement, copy of which is in my hands.

Houses for missionaries at Thane and Hydaburg;

Regarding the Hydaburg manse I am writing a separate letter for convenience in handling the matter with the Board of Church Erection.

I note that Dr. Dixon is of the opinion that houses are available for rent at Thane and that it would not be wise to ask for a grant for building there at this time.

This opinion is erroneus. Thane is a town founded and owned in its entirety by the Gastineaux Mining Co., for the express purpose of providing accomodations for the employees of the company. The town has been built withing the pasttwo years and at present does not contain sufficient houses for the working force. There are no house for rent in Thane and will not be in the future for any other than employees of the company.

Houses may be rented in Juneau although it is difficult to find desirable ones for rent.

(1)But in the first place, Juneau is three miles from Thane. Our missionary at Thane is to work among the employees of the mine, who live at Thane. He should not only be in touch with the men at all times in their bunk houses and homes but should also have the assistance of his wife in the work. His value as a missionary would be seriously depreciated by compelling him to live at Juneau. A part of our plan is the placing of a man with the men.

(2)And again, rents are high in Juneau. The Board can not get a suitable house for a missionary for less than $25 to $35 per month. The man we have in view is a carpenter and proposes to build his own house if the Board will furnish the material. It will not be a wise business proposition to rent at from $300 to $420 per year when a suitable house can be secured at this time for an investment of $1,000 in materials.

This work at Thane is one of the most important projected in recent years. There are now in the neighborhood of 1,000 men

Mr Olin,3

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at work there. The company is interested in the welfare of the men and will be friendly toward the work which we are proposing if properly administered. We have a man in view in the person of Rev. Mr. Buchanan, of Spearville, Kansaas, who seems to be admirably adapted to this kind of work. The fact that he will be able to build his own house will be a favorable introduction tothe men of the mines.

I want to urge, therefore, that this appropriation be made, in kind with that for the Hydaburg building, viz., total appropriation of $1,000, $500 from each Board. In my judgement it will be poor economy to do otherwise both from the view point of efficiency of missionary and also from the financial stand.

I note that the Finance Committee has voted to put all the Board's property, real estate and mission boats under the care of the General Missionary and that the Stated Clerks of each presbytery have been so notified and will be governed accordingly.

I have been delayed beyond the expected time of my return to Juneau by various matters but plan to return to Alaska next week. My mail should be sent to Juneau after date of this letter.

Cordially Yours,

James H. Condit

1 Enclosure

In re Hydaburg manse

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July 1,1915

Mr. H.C.Olin,
156 5th Avenue,
N.Y.

Dear Mr. Olin:

In addition to the letter of this date in reference to other matters,and forwarded by same mail,I am taking up the Hydaburg manse proposition in this communication in order that the items herein suggested may be segregated.

At present our missionary at Hydaburg,Mr Howe, is living in a rented native house. Hydaburg is an exclusively native village and no other quarters were available at the time that I rented the house. A recent letter from Mr Howe states that upon arrival in Hydaburg with Mrs Howe and their baby they found the place in rather an unsanitary condition and with a distinctly "fishy" odor, and that it required some strenuous effort to put the building in habitable shape. Their baby has not been well since their arrival but is better now.

The supplying of a suitable house for Mr and Mrs Howe is an urgent necessity. It was one of the conditions of their coming to the field.

As was before suggested, Mr. Howe proposes to build the house himself if the material is furnished, and the money appropriated is to be used for this purpose with the exception of whatever is necessary for additional labor in cases where one man can not handle the work.

During the summer months the natives are largely away from the village and the missionary ordinarily follows them around to their camps. But in this case we would have to instruct Mr Howe to remain at home in order to build his house and this is the understanding with him. The time is passing rapidly when this work ought to be done. The situation is one demanding prompt action.

On the supposition that the Board of Church Erection will make the grant of the additional $500 needed could not the $500 already appropriated by the Home Board be made available at once so that Mr Howe may immediately proceed to building?

If so,would it not be advisable to place that amount to my credit as General Missionary at once and send a check in that sum to me at Juneau?

It will be necessary for me to visit Hydaburg and other points in that territory at once upon my return to Alaska. I should be able to take up the matter of this building with Mr Howe when I see him on some definite basis.

Mr Olin,2

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In your letter of June 11 reference is made to a request ff from Secretary Wylie that full information be furnished, at as early a date as possible, regarding the size and location of lot, its value and bounds and some preliminary description of the proposed manse, and that such information be available for the meeting of the Board of July 19.

I have taken up these matters with the missionary, Rev. J.L.Howe, and requested him to furnish the data at once, mailing his letter directly to you. I believe that this information will reach you in time, although the margin of time is not as great as it should be.

But supplementary to what he may write I think it advisable for me to state as follows:

Hydaburg is a native reserve set aside by executive order of June 19th, 1912, for the exclusive use of the native people, and under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Education. So far as local control is concerned the affairs of the community are under the supervision of the Town Council of native men. Their actions are subject to the approval of the teacher in charge, as representing the Bureau of Education, and finally to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

The town is newly built in an unimproved forest site. It has been surveyed by the Forestry Department, has metes and bounds, etc., etc. In the original survey certain lots were designated for church purposes. These may be used or others at the option of all concerned, but certainly lots are available for church purposes, with the consent of the people. No white people can live or own property in the village excepting by special arrangement.

In so far as valuation of the lots is concerned it is merely nominal. The ground is covered with forest trees and stumps and the lots are practically valuless until cleared.

In obtaining the grant from the Board of Church Erection the question of <u>title</u> will arise.

I have consulted with Mr. W.T.Lopp, Superintendent of Education for Alaska under the Bureau of Education, as to the possibility of obtaining some kind of title under the foregoing conditions. Office now in Seattle

It is probably out of the question to obtain a waranty deed since the ground is, first, included in a U.S.forest reserve, and absolute title will not be given. Secondly, because, as already stated, the site has been set aside for native use and occupancy.

Mr. Lopp suggests that it may be possible to obtain a quit claim deed from the members of the Town Council. This is the only title available in so far as I know. Acting on this suggestion I have written to Judge R.A.Gunnison, of Juneau, submitting the matter to him and asking, that if in accord with his judgement, he prepare such quit claim form to be submitted to the Town Council by the missionary in charge and executed, if possible, in favor

Mr Olin,3

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of the Board of Home Missions and when executed forwardedat once to you. If possible to secure such a deed it will be done in due time.

But, because of the difficulty of correspondence at such a distance and because of the urgency of the case I wish to submit the following:

Clearing the ground and building a house under present conditions and with the consent and co-operation of the natives, both of which are entirely at our command, would constitute a title with the government as satisfactory as could be obtained. The Bureau of Education assents to the building. The natives can not dispose of their own holdings nor dispossess others without the consent of the government.

Squatter's rights have always obtained right of way in Alaska as a basis of ownership.

The reserve belongs to the government,not to the natives. Whatever the future action of the government may be that is the present status. Consent to the building by the government,through the Bureau of Education, certainly gives sufficient title to the ground occupied.

I am offering this as a basis for immediate action. In case a quit claim from the natives can be obtained it will strengthen the case but I do not consider such a deed essential. Much time must elapse before the matters involved in obtaining such a deed can be attended to. In the mean time the need for the house is very urgent and the time for building it rapidly passing.

I wish to urge,therefore, that under these conditions the usual mode of procedure be waived as inapplicable in this case and that the grant be made available at once so that we may proceed at once to the building of the missionary's house. When this is out of the way we wish to take up the question of a church building.

I may add in closing that Hydaburg is one of the most promising of all our native missions and that under the plan of the Bureau of Education to build it up into a self supporting and self governing community there is given a splendid opportunity to carry on our missionary operations under the most favorable conditions not the least important of which is isolation from harmful white influence.

Yours Sincerely,

James H. Condit

P.S. I have asked Judge Emmons to write you regarding question of title

Hydaburg Alaska July 5-13.

Mr. N. C. Allen:

New York N. Y.

Dear Mr Allen: Your letter containing check to cover freight charges from Ketchikan to Hydaburg has been received. Am very grateful for it.

Mr Foster, without doubt has already written you with regard to the site for a manse. I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order setting aside the Hydaburg Reserve.

The Town Council set aside lots 7 and 8 of the Government Survey, town site of Hydaburg, for church and manse. Further than this the Town Council has no authority. If I understand matters correctly, no individual, nor corporation can own land in fee simple within the reservation. In case the Hydaburg Reservation should at any time in the future be recalled by the Government, it would

immediately next to the Forest Reserve, of which it was originally a part. Any one leaving timber, such as school buildings or residences etc, would then be able to secure a claim on the land so he could put it in cultivation. At present, within the town site, people own their own homes but not the land on which those homes are built. Mr Hawkesworth, the Government School Teacher tells me that the Bureau of Education own their buildings in Thoreau. But it is hardly to be thought that a single candidate has failed to come to the attention of the Board in connection with the work. This perhaps sufficient for me to say that so far as the action of the Wyoming officials the status of the matter in this case regularly provided for.

Any other information can be secured from the Department of Agriculture at Washington.

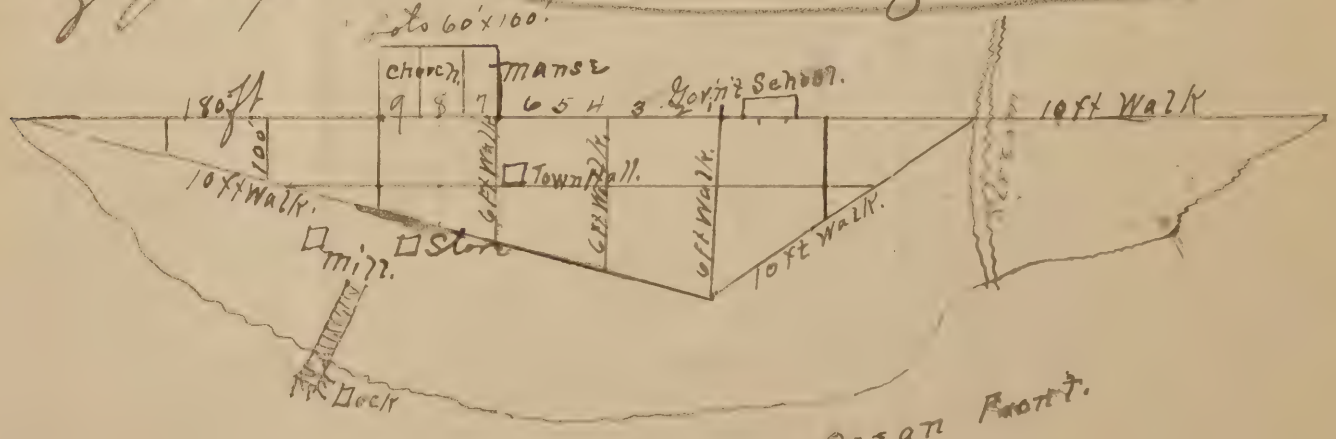
Respectfully yours

J. L. Hayes

Ty daburg. Alaska. 7/6/15:

Mr H. C. Olin.
New York. N. Y.

Dear Mr Olin: I am enclosing herewith a letter that received from Dr Eardley. We get mail here only once each week. I am writing this in hope that an opportunity will be afforded to get it across the Portage to Telekikan. This is the only hope that is that it will reach you before the 19th of July. Here is a sketch of the town:



Lots 78 have been reserved by the Town Council for Church and Manse.

The lots are not sold & so cannot give even an estimate of value.

You already have description & Probable Frontage.

Hoping that this may reach you in time that some choice may be taken,

I am,

Respectfully yours
J. R. Stowe.

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P.S.

I have decided to submit the form for deed to the Board's Council at Juneau, Judge R.A.Gunnison, and to ask him to submit the same to you at his earliest convenience.

Will you kindly take up the other suggested matters reserving action on execution of the deed until later.

J.H.C.

I will forward above as soon as received.

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First, Give size and location of lots upon which it is proposed to build the manse and church indicating place of each.

Mr. Lopp tells me that Mr. Hawkesworth has a plat of the town site similar to the one ~~kkk~~ in his office. Will you make a tracing from this indicating the above, giving lot numbers, streets, etc., including the section involved.

Dr Wylie asks that value of lots be stated and also some preliminary description of the proposed manse. Please do the best you can with this, also. This information should be sent to me at once.

Secondly, The Church Erection Board makes certain stipulations as to title to ground upon which the buildings are to be erected.

I have consulted with Mr. Lopp regarding this and he suggests that a quit claim deed from the town council be obtained. I am enclosing a blank for this purpose and would ask that the signatures of the members of the council be secured as soon as possible. I am afraid that the members are out fishing but do the best that you can.

Please fill in the exact description of the lots as by the plat above described, giving block, lot number, and adjacent streets, as by the plat. This deed should be sent to me as soon as posible, also, and if it can be returned with the above that will be best.

I want to visit Prince of Wales Island as soon as possible after my return next week to Juneau but wish to have something definite to act upon first.

Upon second thought I believe that it will be advisable to send all the above directly to Mr. Olin in order to expedite matters. Will you kindly do this, sending copy of your letter to me at Juneau, with details and any other information which I ought to have in order to push the matter through. I think it would be advisable to write me at Juneau at once upon receipt of this letter so that I may know when you received it.

I am sorry to hear of the ill health of your baby and sincerely hope that the improvement in health will continue. Alaska has the reputation of being an exceptionally favorable place for the little folks. Three of our four were born in Alaska.

Be assured of my hearty sympathy with you in the privations of your field and my earnest desire to assist in every way in making the conditions more favorable. I am sure that you have a great opportunity before you in the way of molding the Hyda life and character.

Cordially Yours,

James H Condit

In re Hydaburg, Alaska.

July 14th, 1915.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Dr. Condit:-

Your letter of July first, enclosing a voucher from Mr. Howe of Hydaburg for two months rent in the sum of $16.00, is at hand. A check to cover this will be forwarded to Mr. Howe immediately. We will suggest to him also that he include this rental item each month with his regular salary voucher. In order that our files may be complete, will you kindly indicate what two months the $16.00 now being remitted covers?

We note what is said with regard to the reduced rates on the steamers and are glad that at least two of the steamers are still giving lower rates to missionaries and missionary representatives.

As to the houses for Thane and Hydaburg: The Hydaburg Manse matter is on its way andwas written you June 22nd, and I am today sending Mr. Howe some money, pending the grant from the Board of Church Erection Fund.

As to the Thane Manse, Dr. Dixon asks me to say that when the budget was made up for Alaska and forwarded by the Presbyterial authorities, there was no fore-shadowing at all of the need of special appropriations for Manses at these two points - that there are items of $8.00 per month at Hydaburg, and $300. per year at Thane for rental. He says, in his opinion, these facts as to the impossibility of securing houses at Thane and Hydaburg ought to have been recognized when the original budget was made up for this year. It puts us in rather an uncomfortable position to ask now for further appropriations for these purposes. He expresses the hope, therefore, that the matter of the Thane house be arranged with a rental, if at all possible, even if necessary to make such rental in Juneau, though we recognize, at the same time, that the missionary will not do his work to the greatest advantage located three miles therefrom. Also, that it is not very good business to pay out $300. for the year's rent when, for the investment of $1,000. in materials, we can build a house. We will take this matter up again with the Finance Committee. Meantime, if the missionary gets upon the field, I should advise that a rental be secured for him, for a few months at least, in Juneau.

I think that Dr. Dixon is a little hesitant about taking on a missionary with so large a family as Mr. Buchanan has. The first item, of their passage money to Alaska, is a large one, and we could wish that an equally competent and helpful missionary might be secured with a smaller family. However, this will be touched upon by Dr. Dixon.

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Very cordially yours,

In re Rydaburg, Alaska

July 16th, 1915.

Rev. J. L. Howe,

Rydaburg, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Howe:-

Your letter dated the 24th ultimo, with further reference to the necessity of an immediate building of your Manse, is at hand.

We greatly deplore the conditiond under which you are obliged to live, and especially so as the health of your child seems impaired thereby.

Long before this, however, you will have received our letter of June 22nd, and Dr. Condit also doubtless will have written you that things are on the way toward the furnishing of funds for the building of the Manse. Our own Board has made the grant of $500., and the Board of Church Erection Fund has notified me also that they are favorable to a grant when the particulars asked for in my letters to yourself and Dr. Condit have been furnished, that is, as to the location, description and dimensions of the lot upon which the Manse will be built. I trust that by this time the particulars are on the way so that I may have them for presentation to the Board of Church Erection on the 19th, and would suggest that you make preliminary arrangements to go on with the building of the Manse just as rapidly as possible.

In order that there may be no unnecessary delay, I am sending to Dr. Condit today a check for $500. granted on behalf of this Board, and we shall be ready, a little later, to furnish the amount granted by the Board of Church Erection Fund.

Since dictating the above, the mail has come in and we are in receipt of your letters of the 5th and 6th with enclosures, which I think will be sufficient for the purposes of the Board of Church Erection Fund in completing their grant.

Very cordially yours,

Treasurer.

O-S

In re Hydaburg, Alaska.

July 20th, 1915.

Rev. David G. Wylie, D.D.,

Building.

My dear Dr. Wylie:-

With further reference to the grant of $500. which your Board was kind enough to make at its June meeting for the building of a Manse at Hydaburg, Alaska, I beg now to hand you copies of papers just received from the Chief of Alaska Division, Department of the Interior, and from our missionary, Rev. J. L. Howe, indicating the location and lots whereh this Manse is to be located, and setting forth the conditions under which the building is to be put up. You will see, of course, that this is on the same termsupon which all our buildings on Indian properties are erected.

We shall now be ready to sign papers, if you will kindly forward them here to the office. We have already forwarded to Mr. Howe our porportion of the cost of the Manse, in order that he may push matters. He is very much in need of the Manse and we should be glad of your remittance at as early a date as is possible.

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

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P.S.— The enclosures noted above were handed to Miss Wendover this morning.

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DAVID G. WYLIE, *Corresponding Secretary*
JESSE C. BRUCE, *Field Secretary*
ADAM CAMPBELL, *Treasurer*

156 FIFTH AVENUE,
NEW YORK

July 21st, 1915.

Index Hydaburg, Alaska.

Mr. Harvey C. Olin,

Treasurer Board of Home Missions.

My dear Mr. Olin: --

Yours of the 20th inst. is received, and in response to your request we are handing you herewith the papers in the matter of the grant of $500. for the manse at Hydaburg, Alaska.

We have drawn a Bond for Mortgage, as we understand the lot is on Government land and your Board holds no real title, but merely a possessory occupation. We trust this will be satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

David G. Wylie
Cor. Sec'y.
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3 enclosures.

July 22nd, 1915.

Rev. J. L. Howe,

Hydaburg, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Howe:-

I beg to hand you herewith the Manse Survey blank of the Board of Church Erection Fund, which it is necessary shall be filled as completely as possible for their purpose. Will you therefore answer such questions as you are able to answer under the circumstances, and return the blank here to me at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

(Enclosure)

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In re Hydaburg, Alaska.

July 22nd, 1915.

Rev. David G. Wylie, D.D.,

B u i l d i n g.

My dear Dr. Wylie:-

Yours of the 21st instant, enclosing papers in the matter of the grant of $500. for the Manse at Hydaburg, Alaska, is at hand. I am at once returning herewith the Bond for the Mortgage to be executed on behalf of this Board, together with "the Certificate". The Manse Survey has been forwarded to our representative in Alaska, to be filled and returned promptly. Other papers giving a sketch of the property and its surroundings are in the hands of your office at the present time.

We trust these papers may prove sufficient for your purposes, and we shall be glad of a check at your convenience.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

(Enclosure)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF EDUCATION

ALASKA DIVISION

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

August 3, 1915.

Mr. Harvey C. Olin,
Treas., Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of June 12th, regarding the setting aside of a lot at Hydaburg for the use of your Rev. Howe, I beg to advise in the absence of Mr. Lopp in Alaska, that our teacher at Hydaburg, Mr. Hawkesworth, has informed this office that at the time of platting the town of Hydaburg, the Town Council reserved lots Nos. 7 & 8 for church purposes. (Forestry Service Survey, Oct. 2, 1912.) Mr. Hawkesworth adds that Rev. Howe had already started in to clear lot No. 7 for his home. The lots in question are 60x100 in size and extend from Second to Third St.

Trusting this information will be sufficient, I am,

Very truly yours,

H. C. SINCLAIR,
Supply Agent.

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

August 17,1915

Mr. H.C.Olin,

156 5th Avenue,

N.Y.

Dear Mr. Olin:

I have just received the following telegram from the Assistant Secretary of State:

Washington,D.C.,Aug. 16,1915

Rev. J.H.Condit,
Juneau,Alaska.
Presbyterian Board Missions may occupy two lots Hydaburg reservation for church and residence purposes formal permit will be issued on receipt of information as to numbers of lots.
Bo Sweeney,Assistant Secy.

At the time when I presented the matter to Commissioner Claxton, head of the Bureau of Education, I did not have the numbers of the lots desired. This information will be in the hands of the Assistant Secretary shortly and a formal permit for occupancy will be issued.

The permission for use of the ground, coming directly from the Secretary of State, will constitue sufficient title as long as the reservation is held for the natives. If at any time in the future the ground should be allotted in severalty the Board will have first opportunity to obtain patent from the government for the lots occupied.

There would now seem to be no obstacle in the way of the grant from the Board of Church Erection in so far as title to the ground is concerned.

Cordially Yours,

James H. Condit

Hydaburg. Alaska. 9/9/10

Mr H. C. Allin
New York. N. Y.

Dear Mr Allin: I am enclosing herewith Mouse Survey according to your request.

I have received no vouchers. You said in your letter they "were enclosed herewith". The matter was likely overlooked.

I was very glad to get word to proceed with the Mouse. Believing that the appropriation would be made, I had already spent much time in getting the site cleared. By securing help for a short time, the building will soon be so we can occupy it, thus eliminating the present monthly rent on the building now occupied.

Sincerely yours

J. C. Shaw

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF EDUCATION

ALASKA SCHOOL SERVICE

Juneau, Alaska, August 19, 1915.

Dr. J. H. Condit,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by Mr. L. A. Kalbach, Acting Commissioner of Education, under date of August 19 to inform you that "The official in the Secretary's office with whom the matter was discussed stated that as Hydaburg is a Government reservation such permit (referring to the permit granted to you in behalf of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions to occupy two lots in the Hydaburg Reservation for church and residence purposes) would be revocable at the pleasure of the Secretary of the Interior".

I might add that in all probability the Secretary of the Interior will never wish to revoke the permit.

Very truly yours,

W. G. Beattie

District Supt. Schools.

In re Haidaburg Manse

September 8th, 1915.

Rev. David G. Wylie, D.D., Sec'y.,

Board of Church Erection,

Building.

Dear Dr. Wylie:-

I herewith enclose "Manse Survey" in connection with the grant of $500. made by your Board towards the above manse, which amount has already been paid to us.

I understand that with this paper in hand, you are furnished with all the data for your files that you require.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer.

B/H

(Enclosure)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

WASHINGTON

MAR 14 1916

Rev. James H. Condit, D. D.,
General Missionary and Attorney-in-fact for
The Board of Home Missions of the
Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Doctor Condit:

On August 16, 1915, the Assistant Secretary of the Department telegraphed you to the effect that The Presbyterian Board of Missions might occupy two lots within the Hydaburg reservation for church and residence purposes.

In confirmation of said telegram, formal permission is hereby granted "The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America" to occupy for church and residence purposes lots seven and eight in Hydaburg townsite. The location of these lots, each of which is 100 feet by 60 feet, is shown on the blue print of the Hydaburg townsite, surveyed September 24 - October 2, 1913, by Roy Barto and B. E. Hoffman, United States Forest Service, hereto attached and made a part of this permit.

Cordially yours,

Stephen T Mather

Assistant to the Secretary.

Inclosure 13568.

No. 856.

This certifies that the within Instrument was filed for record in the office of the KETCHIKAN RECORDING DISTRICT No. 2, and recorded on the 12 th. day of april 1916 at 9 O'clock A. M. in Book 4 of Miscellaneous at page 139. of the records of said office at Ketchikan, Alaska.

E. S. Stackpole Recorder.

By W. M. Stackpole Deputy "

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PRESBYTERY OF YUKON

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

March 24, 1916

Re Hydaburg

Mr. H.C.Olin,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Mr. Olin:

The enclosed requisition for $7.50 for ferry expense of Rev. David Waggoner to date is approved as regular.

I have also approved a requisition for $10 for travelling expense incurred in June but which had not been before presented, and was only brought to me today. .Concerning this latter Mr. Waggoner will write you.

The Secretary of the Interior has just sent me the formal grant for the use of the two lots at Hydaburg on which our new manse is being built and on which the church buiding will also be placed. You will remember that I received a telegram to the same effect last summer. As Judge Gunnison is just on the point of leaving for Wrangell I am sending the permit by him for record in the proper recording district and when it is returned to me I will forward the same to you together with the original telegram for filing in your office.

The judge tells me that the Lodge of Perfection has just remitted $1150, $1,000 on principal and $150 interest on note given by the Lodge. This will probably be opportune in the matter of the settlement with the Board of Church Erection, provided that it appears that there was a mortgage on the mission property for a grant, in the sum of $1,000, as would appear from recent correspondence.

Cordially yours, James H. Condit

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

May 27,1916

Mr. H.C.Olin,

156 5th Avenue,

New York.

Dear Mr. Olin:

I am enclosing herewith the following papers having to do with our property at Hydaburg:

(1) Telegram from Bo Sweeney,Assist,Secy of the Interior, under date of August 16,1915, granting permission to the Board to occupy two lots in Hydaburg for church and residence purposes.
(2) Letter from the Department of the Interior, under date of March 14,1916, confirming the above telegram. On the back of this letter is the certificate of the Recorder for the Ketchikan recording District showing that the instrument was recorded on the 12th day of April,1916 in Vol 4,Miscellaneous,P.139. The blue print mentioned in the letter was made a part of the record and filed.
(3) A letter from Mr. W.G.Beattie, District Supt. of Schools, under date of August 19th,1915,indicating that the permit is revocable at the pleasure of the Secretary of the Interior.

Hydaburg is in a Forest Reserve. At the time that we wished to build a manse at Hydaburg and when the question of title to ground was under consideration, Dr. Claxton, Commissioner of Education, was in Juneau. I presented the matter to him and he promised to take the matter up with the Secretary of the Interior at once, seeking permission for the Board's occupancy. The above papers grant the desired permission.

I have kept copies of the above, as has also Judge Gunnison.

In case this Forest Reservation should be revoked we will be in line for title by virtue of occupancy and improvement. Should the tract be abandoned for Forestry purposes it would be included as a reservation for native occupancy, or at least that portion of it now occupied as a native reservation by the town and community of Hydaburg. The Board is thus as secure in its title in my judgement as though it held patent from the government.

Cordially Yours,

James H. Condit

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Mr. Harvey C. Olin, Treasurer,
Board of Home Missions,
Building.

My dear Mr. Olin:--

I respectfully refer you to letter written under date of August 10th last in connection with a manse grant of $500. to the above captioned church. Has your Board secured title to the property and in a position to hypothecate the same to this Board to furnish a Bond and Mortgage for the Bond for Mortgage which we hold.

Yours sincerely,

G. R. Brauer

Treasurer.

WRJ/EH.

Letter dictated and signed
for Treasurer by W. R. Johnston